

IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
FOR THE SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF OHIO
WESTERN DIVISION AT DAYTON

WHEAT WILLIAMS,

Plaintiff,

Case No. 3:20-cv-235

vs.

COMMISSIONER OF THE SOCIAL
SECURITY ADMINISTRATION,

District Judge Michael J. Newman
Magistrate Judge Sharon L. Ovington

Defendant.

**ORDER: (1) GRANTING THE PARTIES' JOINT MOTION FOR AN AWARD OF
ATTORNEY'S FEES UNDER THE EQUAL ACCESS TO JUSTICE ACT ("EAJA")
(DOC. NO. 16); AND (2) AWARDING PLAINTIFF \$4,800.00 IN EAJA FEES**

This Social Security case is before the Court on the parties' joint motion for attorney's fees under the Equal Access to Justice Act ("EAJA"), 28 U.S.C. § 2412(d), in the amount of \$4,800.00. Doc. No. 16. The parties do not dispute that all requirements are met for a reasonable award of EAJA fees. *Id.* Therefore, the Court: (1) **GRANTS** the parties' joint motion (Doc. No. 16); and (2) **AWARDS** Plaintiff EAJA fees in the amount of \$4,800.00. Counsel for the parties shall verify whether Plaintiff owes a pre-existing debt to the United States subject to offset, consistent with *Astrue v. Ratliff*, 560 U.S. 586 (2010). If no such pre-existing debt exists, Defendant shall pay the EAJA award directly to Plaintiff's counsel pursuant to the EAJA assignment signed by Plaintiff and counsel. No further matters require review in this case; accordingly, it remains **TERMINATED** upon the Court's docket.

IT IS SO ORDERED.

October 14, 2021

s/ Michael J. Newman
Hon. Michael J. Newman
United States District Judge